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Fisheries Higher Elementary School, Bekal, South Kanara.

* 671 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the proposal contained in Memorandum No. 74003-F/51-9, dated 6th February 1952, of the Government regarding the conversion of the Bekal Higher Elementary School (Fisheries) into a middle school as a preliminary step to a high school was not implemented?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The proposal has since been sanctioned by the Government."

Explosion at Kundur Malai in Kottayam taluk.

* 672 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have received any report relating to an explosion which took place on 22nd February 1953 at Kundur Malai in Erinholi amsam, Kottayam taluk, and how it was caused?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The answer is in the affirmative. The explosion occurred when lightning struck the building in which explosives were stored."

House Construction Co-operative Societies run by Harijans.

* 673 *Q.*—Sri A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many co-operative societies there are in the State which are for uplift of Harijans and are run by Harijans; and

(*b*) how many of them are building and construction societies?

The Hon. Sri D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) On 30th June 1952 there were 2,785 Harijan Societies in the State.

" (*b*) In May 1952 there was only one housing society for the Harijans."

Permission for tapping ' Neera.'

* 674 *Q.*—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether permission for ' Neera ' has been granted in various areas in our State; and

(*b*) if so, what are the places where permission has been granted?

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. Permission for tapping sweet toddy (neera) for sale as beverage is allowed in our State.